

PUBLIC SERVICES – Deputy Collectors – Sri G. Gangadharam, former RDO, Ongole, Prakasam district – Committed certain irregularities – Departmental action initiated – Article of charges issued under rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Written statement of defence received – Considered Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT

Read the following:

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Based on the report furnished by the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Hyderabad, in the ref. 1st read above, Government have issued article of charges under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri G. Gangadharam, former Revenue Divisional Officer, Ongole in the G.O.2nd read above, as he failed to proceed against certain Granite Companies who are dumping waste material on the Road pertaining to R&B Dept. and causing obstruction to free flow of traffic in Chimakurthy mandal under section 133 Cr.P.C.

3. The charged officer stated that to assess the correct position, he deputed the Deputy Inspector of Survey & Land Records and Mandal Surveyor. He has also inspected the Granite companies on 4-10-2003 along with MRO and noticed that the 22 companies violated the Law. He has also directed the MRO on 6-10-2003 to arrange for a meeting with the owners of the Granite companies on 13-10-2003 and notices were served on them. Only 9 companies attended the meeting. During the discussions he directed the companies to remove the dumps and also file written explanations. As there was no positive response from them, he again convened another meeting on 3-12-2003 and repeated the instructions to them to remove the waste dumps from the road side and also warned the Companies that, he will address the Mines & Geology Dept. for cancellation of their lease, if they fail to comply with his instructions. Out of 22 companies, only 4 Companies complied with his instructions and got lease renewed from Mining Department.

4. He has also submitted that the Mandal Revenue Officer addressed the Revenue Divisional Officer on 3-1-2004 suggesting action against the Granite Companies who were dumping waste material causing inconvenience to vehicular traffic and he issued notices to the Companies to submit their explanations before 23-1-2004. The notices were got served on the Companies. The RDO has also submitted detailed report to the Collector, on 8-1-2004, before taking a final decision and in order to avoid further legal obstructions, it was considered to get certain issues clarified by the concerned departments. He

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addressed the Asst. Director, Mines & Geology Ongole on 6-2-2004, the E.E, R&B, APSRTC, E.E (Irrgn), NSP Chimakurthy etc., to inform whether any inconvenience was caused due to mining and dumping of waste material in the buffer zone from Ongole to Kurnool road and NSP canals. After that he was transferred from the post of RDO, Ongole on 15-2-2004. Hence, further developments are not known to him.

5. The charged officer also stated that from the above facts, besides attending to various duties relating to revenue works and other developmental programmes, he took prompt action in all aspects in this case, despite non availability of the Collector's memo, Dt 7-3-2002 in the connected file. There was no negligence on his part and he discharged his duties sincerely and honestly. In the light of the above, he has requested to drop further action.

6. The Government in the memo 4th read above, called for the remarks of the Collector, Prakasam district on the written statement of defence submitted by the charged officer. The Collector, Prakasam district in his letter 5th read above while furnishing his detailed remarks has recommended to drop the article of charges framed against Sri G. Gandadharam, former Revenue Divisional Officer, Ongole.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter with reference to the remarks furnished by the Collector Prakasam district have decided to drop the charge framed against the charged officer. Accordingly, further action against Sri G. Gangadharam, former Revenue Divisional Officer, Ongole is hereby dropped.

8. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Collector, Prakasam district
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